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Applicant: Jingrong Cao, et al.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner Rao:

This is in response to the Office communication dated July 11, 2003 relating to the above-identified application.

INTRODUCTORY MATTER

Applicants acknowledge that claims 32-40 are allowed whereas claims 1-31, 41-44, 47-51, 54-60, 63, 65, and 76-70 are rejected. Accordingly, claims 1-44, 47-51, 54-60, 63, 65, and 67-70 are pending and under consideration.

Please amend the application as follows: